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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 March 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/085,034.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakamoto (JP 01174023 A).

Referring to claim 1, Sakamoto discloses a wireless LAN system (Fig. 1 and respective portions of the spec.) comprising:

a plurality of wireless stations (station, abstract lines 1-3); and

a switching (switching, abstract lines 3-5) apparatus for switching a frequency channel (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) used between stations (abstract, station lines 1-3) communicated with each other,

said switching (switching, abstract lines 3-5) apparatus including means for selecting a frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel to be used, and means for sending a switching request packet for specifying said selected frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel to said stations (station, abstract lines 1-3),

each of said stations (station, abstract lines 1-3) including means for switching (switching, abstract lines 3-5) a current frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel to the frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel specified by the switching request packet received.

Referring to claim 10, Sakamoto discloses a frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel communicated between stations (station, abstract lines 1-3) for wireless LAN (Fig. 1 and respective portions of the spec.) by a switching apparatus, said method comprises steps of:

in said switching (switching, abstract lines 3-5) apparatus, selecting a frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel to be used;

in said switching (switching, abstract lines 3-5) apparatus, sending a switching request packet for specifying said selected frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel to said station (station, abstract lines 1-3); and

in said station, switching (switching, abstract lines 3-5) a current frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel to the frequency (frequency, abstract lines 3-13) channel specified by the switching request packet received.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-9 and 11-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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(571) 273-8300, (for formal communications intended for entry)

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamal A. Fox whose telephone number is (571) 272-3143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to 2600 Customer Service whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.



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